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The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" If it is useful, as is said by Mr. Dorai Raja, I am ready to supply it."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know if the Government make distinction between political prisoners and ordinary prisoners in the matter of breach of discipline ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Government make no such distinction."

Hunger-strike in jails from March to October 1930.

* 5 Q.—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the number of prisoners that resorted to hunger-strike from March to October 1930 ;

(*b*) the reason for such hunger-strike ;

(*c*) the jails in which such hunger-strike took place ;

(*d*) the class of prisoners amongst whom hunger-strike was resorted to ;

(*e*) the duration of each strike ; and

(*f*) how each case ended ?

A.—The information has been called for.

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether information is not available at least from one jail, the Madras Penitentiary ?

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" With reference to that, I know there was one case of hunger-strike lasting for two days or so. But the question refers to hunger-strikes in the jails throughout the Presidency."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, papers publish that apologies have been received from so and so, and so and so. And so is it not desirable . . . "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Order, order."

Settlement

Resettlement of the Godavaris and Kistna districts.

* 6 Q.—Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether Government have passed or decided to pass orders giving effect to the recommendations of the Special Settlement Officer and the Board of Revenue concerning the resettlement in the East and West Godavari districts and the Kistna district ?

A.—In G.O. No. 405, Revenue, dated 26th February 1929, which has been placed at the disposal of the Press, the Government passed orders on those proposals of the Special Settlement Officer which related to matters other than the revision of the rates of assessment and water cess. The revision of these rates is still under the consideration of the Government.